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APPLICANTS : A. STEINBUCHER ET AL.
SERIAL NO. : *DIVISIONAL OF 08/976,063, FILED 21 NOVEMBER 1997*
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FOR : SYNTHETIC ENZYMES FOR THE PRODUCTION OF
CONIFERYL ALCOHOL, CONIFERYLALDEHYDE,
FERULIC ACID, VANILLIN AND VANILLIC ACID AND
THEIR USE
ART UNIT : 1652
EXAMINER : P. TUNG

Date December 28, 2000

BOX PATENT APPLICATION
Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants submit the following Preliminary Amendment in order to place the instant application in better condition for examination on the merits.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, line 5, please change "synthetic" to --synthesis--.

Page 17, line 21, following the sequence please insert -- SEQ ID NO: 43 --.

Page 20, line 13, at the start of the sequence, please delete the number “1” and following the sequence, please insert -- SEQ ID NO: 45 --.

IN THE CLAIMS:

REMARKS

The above amendments were necessary to eliminate multiple dependent claims, correct typographical errors, and otherwise bring the instant application into conformance with accepted US patent application practice.

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Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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